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Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero  
United States District Court  
Northern District of California  
450 Golden Gate Avenue  
Courtroom A, 15th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94102

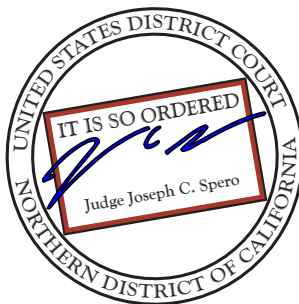
**Re: *Republic Indemnity Co. of California v. St. Paul Fire and Marine Ins. Co.***  
**U.S.D.C. Northern District, Case No. 3:04-CV-03991-JCS**

Dear Judge Spero:

This letter is to request a telephonic appearance at the Case Management Conference currently scheduled on Friday, August 19, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. My direct telephone line is 955-2529. I understand that the Court will initiate the conference and will await its call at that time.

Thank you for your attention to the foregoing matter.

Dated: 8/10/5



Respectfully submitted,

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